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OF FSL ARLETTE COSTET

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- 1. MRS. COSTET PROPOSES THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10 FOR HER CONSULTATION IN STATE AND COMMERCE. COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR BLODGETT, WHO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON AT THAT TIME, WILL ARRANGE HOTEL AND MEET AND ASSIST. WE RECOGNIZE THAT MONDAY OCT. 10 IS A HOLIDAY, BUT SEE PARA 3 BELOW.
- 2. AFTER SOME REFLECTION WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT A STOPOVER IN LONDON ENROUTE TO WASHINGTON WOULD BE MORE USEFUL THAT A STOPOVER AFTER THE WASHINGTON CONSULTATION. THIS WOULD PERMIT MRS. COSTET TO COLLECT MATERIAL IN LONDON TO SUPPLEMENT THAT NOW BEING ASSEMBLED HERE FOR AIRMAIL SHIPMENT TO EATON (REFTEL PARA. 3). SHE COULD ALSO SERVE AS A CONDUIT FOR ANY PROBLEMS LONDON WISHES TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF FADRC/LR AND COMMERCE. IF WASHINGTON AND LONDON AGREE, WE THEREFORE PLAN TO HAVE MRS. COSTET ARRIVE IN LONDON THURSDAY OCT 6 VIA AF 842 AT 10:00 AND DEPART FOR WASHINGTON OCT 7 VIA PA 107 AT L2:20. WHILE A LONGER STAY IN LONDON UNCLASSIFIED

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MIGHT BE DESIRABLE, STAFF SHORTAGES HERE MAKE IT UNFEASIBLE. EMBASSY PARIS WILL COVER PER DIEM IN LONDON.

3. AS OCT 10 IS AN AMERICAN HOLIDAY, WE PROPOSE TO HAVE MRS. COSTET REPORT TO FADRC AT 09:00 OCT 11 FOR THREE DAYS IN STATE. WE WOULD THEN PROPOSE THAT SHE SPEND FRIDAY OCT 14 IN USDOC/DIBA AND MONDAY OCT 17 AT NEW

YORK DISTRICT OFFICE. BLODGETT WOULD PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM NEW YORK AT NO EXPENSE TO THE GOVERNMENT, BUT WE HOPE STATE AND COMMERCE WILL COVER PER DIEM FROM OCT 7-17 INCLUSIVE.

- 4. MRS. COSTET TENTATIVELY PLANS A PRIVATE TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO ON ANNUAL LEAVE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE WEEK OF OCT 17. SHE IS PREPARED TO SET ASIDE ONE DAY FOR CONSULTATION AT THE SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT OFFICE IF USDOC CONSIDERS THIS DESIRABLE.
- 5. WE AWAIT COMMENTS FROM STATE, COMMERCE, AND LONDON ON THE FOREGOING, PLUS TRAVEL AND PER DIEM AUTHORIZATION.

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